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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michael GREENSTEIN et al.)
Application No.: 09/981,440) Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: October 16, 2001) Examiner: Ann Y. Lam
For: THERMAL REGULATION OF)
FLUIDIC SAMPLES WITHIN A)
DIAGNOSTIC CARTRIDGE)

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, Applicants file this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following Amendment and to consider the following remarks culminating in allowance of the claims. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for a one month extension of time to extend the period of response to February 2, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims and begin on page 8 of this paper.